



MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,
And Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR MEETING

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

February 13, 2007

9:00 a.m. Call meeting to Order led by Chairman Hazard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Frank Stewart, President of the Friends of the Inyo (local non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of public lands). He gave a brief report on their Eastern Sierra Stewardship Corp. Last summer they took on a project that started after Labor Day (wheelchair ramp at Convict Lake). We received donations from local construction companies and volunteer labor. There might be a chance to do a similar project in the June Lake loop. Paul McFarland, Executive Director, gave a brief summary of other projects. Hazard: I ask you to follow up with Tim Alpers regarding handicap access. We found that many times there is a will and not always a way. Hunt: The Rotary Club is interested in creating handicap access in other areas. Western Outdoor News picked this up. This may turn into a model project. The Forest Service is trying to redesign the whole place. We've worked with many agencies to bring people out on their public lands. If you have ideas for projects or groups that are interested, please let us know. Reid: I like what you've done with the wheelchair access. When dealing with (WSA) Wilderness Study Areas and the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)- there has to be a balance. Any blanket approach is probably the wrong idea. Our experience has shown that a more focused look at the ground is going to yield the best results.

Supervisor Bauer in attendance @ 9:04 a.m.

Approximately
15 minutes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

BAUER- WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PETE. WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL FOOD BANK AND A STRONG SHOWING OF PEOPLE. I WAS THE FACE OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR MONO COUNTY. LAST NIGHT WE HAD A SPEGHETTI FEED (PUT ON BY TWO DEPUTIES). WE HAD A LARGE MIX OF PEOPLE. LTC MEETING. WE WILL BE READY FOR NEXT WEEK'S PRESENTATION TO PETE LEVY.

HUNT- DEFERRED TO 2/20 MEETING

FARNETTI- DEFERRED TO 2/20 MEETING

REID- BOB PETERS CAME TO SEE ME (RESIGNING FROM THE LOCAL RPAC). HANDOUT GIVEN TO THE BOARD. THE RPAC HAS CANCELLED MORE THAN ITS MET. HAD A PRESENTATION FROM THE SAR GROUP, LAST WEDNESDAY. VERY GOOD PRESENTATION SHOWING THEIR PROBLEMS AND WHAT THEY DO. LEE VINING RPAC MEETING. HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH WALLY McPHERSON REGARDING THE 40 ACRES WITH THE BLM AND THE LOCAL TRIBE. MEDIATION IS NEXT WEEK. THIS IS NOT AN EFFORT TO GET INTO THIS PROCESS. WENT TO THE LTC AND HAD AN INTERESTING MEETING. ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING LAST NIGHT. THEY'RE HAPPY TO SEE SOME ATTENTION UP THERE.

HAZARD- DEFERRED TO 2/20 MEETING

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) **CAO Report re Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)**
ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

David Wilbrecht addressed the Board. Working with the Sheriff's Office on the dispatch center. I met with our Economic Development director regarding some proposals for that department. Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center discussions. Continuing to work with Inyo County Child Support. The State is looking toward regionalization. We're part of the Eastern Sierra region. There are many positives and some negatives. Each county is different. We've come to terms with those differences. Brian Muir and the financial analyst from Inyo will look into these matters and come back with a budget report. We're looking to have Julie Tiede as the regional director. Meeting with Supervisor Hazard and with Paramedic Chief for paramedic response issues. Met with the Grand Jury and the status of any kind of jail facility for South County. It's on our radar but is very expensive (no location, no funding, but a recognized need). Met with Pete Mokler- plans to do the space plan for the Sierra Center Mall. I took the week off and saw family in Washington. Met with Tim Alpers to talk about the Inland Aquaculture contract. I did have a chance to drive to Walker with Supervisor Reid. There are some ideas for some improvements in that location.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved into Closed Session @ 9:15 a.m. thru 10:02 a.m.

Recess taken from 10:03 a.m. thru 10:10 a.m.

No report out of Closed Session.

- 2) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code §54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, and Richard C. Scholl. Employee Organization: Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association.**
- 3) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code §54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, and Brian Muir. Employee Organization: International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO (aka Mono County Public Employees).**

- 4) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Greg Busey, and Richard C. Scholl. Employee Organization: Mono County Sheriff's Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association).
- 5) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of Case: Echante v. County of Mono et al.
- 6) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code §54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, and Mark Mikulich. Employee Organization: Paramedic Rescue Association.
- 7) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Special Meeting of January 19, 2007
M07-38 (Hunt/Bauer 5-0)

Approximately
5 Minutes
for All
Consent Items

CONSENT AGENDA

*(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion
unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item)*
(Farnetti/Bauer 5-0)

SHERIFF-CORONER

- 8) Renewal of Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with the Forest Service
M07-39 ACTION: Approve and authorize the Mono County Sheriff's Department (on behalf of the County) to enter into proposed Modification #1 (2007 Financial and Operating Plan) to the current Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Mono County Sheriff's Department and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and authorize the Sheriff to sign said agreement on behalf of the County/Sheriff's Department. Fiscal impact: may generate revenue of approximately \$23,550, which will generally offset or reimburse certain Department expenses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 9) Planning Commission Service Limitation **(Scott Burns)**
Ord07-01 ACTION: Adopt **Ordinance (Ord07-01)** repealing Subdivision C of section 2.36.020 of the Mono County Code to eliminate the twelve-year service limitation for Mono County planning commissioners.

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

NO COMMENTS OR REQUEST TO PULL THIS ISSUE.

PUBLIC WORKS

- 11a)** Bid Opening; Crowley Lake Community Center Site Preparation Project
(Kelly Garcia)
M07-40 ACTION: (1) Open and read aloud the bid proposals for Crowley Lake Community Center Site Preparation Project. (2) Refer proposals to Public Works Director for review and recommendation. Estimated fiscal impact: \$150,000.
(Hunt/Reid 5-0)

Kelly Garcia addressed the Board. Bids received in the amount of \$401,360.00 and \$399,335.00.

- 11b)** Bid Opening; Lee Vining Community Center Site Improvements
(Kelly Garcia)
M07-41 ACTION: (1) Open and read aloud the bid proposals for Lee Vining Community Center Site Improvements. (2) Refer proposals to Public Works Director for review and recommendation. Estimated fiscal impact: \$150,000.
(Farnetti/Reid 5-0)

Kelly Garcia addressed the Board. Bids received in the amount of \$392,707.00 and \$471,377.50.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 12)** Inyo National Route Designation Project **(Marty Hornick)**
ACTION: Receive informational presentation by a representative of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service regarding its Route Designation Process, which will determine what routes will be available to motorized vehicles in the Inyo National Forest within Mono and Inyo counties. Provide any desired direction to staff.

We expected Jeff Bailey here initially. Special thanks to Supervisor Hazard who has been so involved. Supervisor Bauer has also attended some of our meetings. This is a National process. The Chief has identified five threats to National Forest Lands: Unmanaged recreation is one of them. We have 800 miles that were never added to our system in Inyo. We're trying to go through a five step process to designate routes to be used by motorized traffic. We collected all the data we could (system and non-system all over the forest). 1- Get the inventory, 2- Issue a temporary regulation to keep people on existing routes, 3- Involve interested members, 4- Analyze the proposal, and 5- Produce a map that goes out to the public. We're moving out of step 3 and about to start our formal process in step 4. We have a map with the Mammoth East Areas (one of 11 zones that we're analyzing). This is very preliminary to give folks an idea of how we're sorting through the areas. Our intent would be to give people 6-8 months of comment period after the formal proposal. Do you have any feedback for us?

Farnetti: It's key to schedule as many public meetings throughout the area for public participation. It would be nice to have meetings in Bridgeport, Mammoth, and otherwise to really get the word out. Reid: How do you notice these meetings? Newspapers and radio. Reid: RPACs would be critical. Hazard: This is a huge concern. We have a different mechanism than Inyo County. We need to concentrate on why those roads are there. Hunt: Has there been any efforts to coordinate with other agencies (open space, public lands). Hornick: Yes, we have been trying to do that. We are doing the designations on forest land only. We don't have enough enforcement personnel out there. Hazard: As we get a better handle on our roads, we get an understanding on maintenance and resource damage. I want to thank you and it's been a very difficult process. The players that came to this table have come with a working and cooperative attitude. Bauer: You may be creating resource problems. You're creating some freeway type traffic and it will be difficult to enforce.

Recess taken from 11:03 a.m. thru 11:12 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

13) Mid Year Budget Review (Brian Muir)

ACTION: Receive report on expenditures and revenues for the first six months of the current fiscal year. Receive department reports on the status of their budgets. Take action to change Fiscal Year 2006/07 budget appropriations as necessary.

Brian Muir addressed the Board. It's my goal that the materials get out to the Board and department heads at least a week before the meeting. At times, it will mean that I may not include something in the package to get it out in a timely basis. It is organized into several sections and a summary of items that were held over. We'll address those as we go through the budget. There are some department updates in there, a revenue review (a narrative, graphs), and individual department's budgets. There are very few problems there. We've received about 61 ½ % of funds at mid-year. If and when we have to go out for debt financing, they will look at our reserve policy. Our finances are such that this is a good opportunity to do that. You will have a chance to tap that reserve. It does establish a conservative policy and how we operate. I recommend that we not deal with deficient balances. I prefer to deal with those things over time. You have a schedule for various departments. Reid: In going over your summary, \$831,000 in unbudgeted funds... what criteria can this be used for? Muir: The criteria is pretty broad but health related (i.e. First Responder increase). Hunt: General Reserve- this is something that will be a major part of our budget discussions this Spring. Can we discuss this as a line item? We're estimating our expenditures conservatively. Muir: How do we get there? Are we going to set aside money each year until we get there? You can always change those things. It's real important that you have the policy. We're not in the market to go out and issue \$5 million dollars in certificates of participation. We'll put \$100,000 a year, aside, until we reach the goal of 5%. Farnetti: I would suspect that \$830,000 are spoken for and generally they are funds utilized for paramedic programs, mental health, etc. Muir: It's important that the Board have a look at that and to realize there is a need to be very conservative. When a disaster strikes, you need to have it there. You cannot spend it down to zero.

Tape One;
3056

District Attorney- George Booth addressed the Board. Everything is going well. We're looking forward to working with Dave on the new space and very pleased with our new lawyer you allowed us to hire.

Beverlee Bryant, Probation Department- Everything is alright. Equipment will be paid for by grants that is currently over-budget (\$37,000). We have only spent about \$10,000 in our care budget. We're doing very aggressive supervision of juveniles now. We will continue that same trend. Carryover item-request for a new Deputy Probation Officer. I'm asking for an adult probation officer. We're spreading our supervision services very thin. I have had a vacant position since November (funded by a grant). Our 4E (Federal money- time study) revenues are decreasing. We are down to \$8-10,000 a quarter. It's also dependent on the juvenile caseload. Reid: Each department will talk about their new request items and we'll analyze them at the end? Board: Yes. Reid: It's going to be difficult to find the expenditures. Do you have a table of contents? Muir: Yes. Muir: It comes with the COPS money. There's a small amount to the D.A. and to the jail. In addition, it's Probation money. \$44,000 is about right. Reid: 160%- where does that extra money come from? Bryant: It has to do with the equipment (\$12,000 is one of the grants I was referencing). Muir: If you look at page 5, you have received 89% of the revenue that we budgeted. We've spent 32% of what we thought we would spend. The net is the different between the two. You received so much revenue and spent so little. \$44,000 is going directly into Mental Health. Muir: I'm sure it belongs where it is. Bauer: The equipment is on page 4 of \$25,000. Hunt: On the unfilled position, are we saving money? I'm billing the juvenile probation officer (some of that time). It will show a reduction in personnel costs. Farnetti: How many probation cases do we have? Bryant: 405 on probation between 50-60 and 100-175. They are responsible for a lot of supervision.

Tape Two; 215 Fred Stump, Mono County Chiefs Association- The First Responder Fund was created in 1989. There are great areas of the county that are outside of the fire protection districts. It was created to compensate those districts of responding outside of their districts. There has never been an increase since 1989. How it's to be apportioned represents a consensus. 1- An additional \$4,000 to the fire districts, 2- \$5,000 reserve account (maximum of \$50,000 creating an emergency contingency fund), 3- \$11,000 used for either countywide projects (improving communications within the County) or special projects. Personal liability will be assigned to the Chief if he willfully or otherwise neglects to maintain the department (safety equipment requiring a tag approval by CAL-OSHA). It's concerning enough that I have already consulted by own insurance company to cover myself as Fire Chief. There are always standards that are changing. We have no control over these regulations. Bauer: We have some more wealthy fire districts and very poor districts. I'm not sure that if we put money.... Some of the wealthier don't travel that far out of district. Stump: For years, Mammoth has fulfilled the role and have never requested reimbursement for travel or expenses and generous with their resources. They dedicated staff time to help coordinate the Hazardous Team. They are going to buy a vehicle to store the equipment. They have given rather unselfishly to the County. This last year, the Mammoth district made up the overpayment out of their share. Lee Vining, White Mountain, Mono City desperately need some money. Bauer: I'm glad to see the fire chiefs this organized. These guys are really on the front line. Reid: I have a lot to say but I'm willing to defer to hear about all the departments. I'm totally supportive of this. I like this endeavor. I've never seen this kind of money in government. Stump: During my career with CDF, I witnessed how services were addressed. The current system needs some bigger patches at the moment. You're paying for vaccinations. Booher: At cost which does not include the flu vaccine. Hazard: The First Responder Fund is very important. We would be willing to put on a workshop. Muir: This doesn't effect only First Responders but Special Districts. We're going to talk about the code to audit Special Districts. It's a District cost. The county may have some interest in helping the smaller districts. This could be a huge hit. There will be several options.

Lunch recess taken from 12:07 p.m. thru 1:04 p.m.

LUNCH RECESS

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD on items of interest of the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

No one spoke.

Tape Two; 967

Rick Scholl, Sheriff-Coroner- Our canine dog was killed (run over). Ruben Ortiz gave mouth to mouth to the dog. Ruben is taking it personally. We're re-evaluating whether we want to bring in another dog. Budget: POST and mandated trainings are currently being met. 2/1/2007 budget sheet should be included. We seem to be right on target. Everything seems to be up this year but as far as the budget, we are in pretty good shape. We're down 3 positions right now (back-filled with overtime). We had a couple significant injuries in the jail population. Rita is researching a reimbursement issue right now. We're hoping to get a dog donated. EMS budget is in a deficit with overtime. Reid: If you got the position, you would promote a Sgt? You would promote/hire a PSO? Scholl: We have fliers out for a PSO. Reid: Would you have someone on board by the end of the fiscal year? Busey: It would be close. Hunt: Where is the bicycle patrol? Scholl: I haven't heard about anyone who has responded with interest. We need to figure out the justification for doing bike patrol. Hunt: What is the vision for that function? A certain community? Scholl: I haven't dealt with it enough. I created the program for the Mammoth Police Department, used for special events. It's a PR tool. We used it for campground checks as well. Busey: A proposal for the two bikes is on my desk. We're going to buy the equipment this year with 3 or 4 people who are interested. This will be event driven. We can go where we need to go. It's taking a little longer to get off the ground. We have to decide if they will buy their own shorts, etc. Training will come from Mammoth Lakes Police Department for free, hopefully. Bauer: Boat patrol question- do you anticipate that being over budget? Scholl: The State Boating and Waterways provides funding for that. They haven't resolved those issues either. We're still up in the air on that. Bauer: Equipment purchase that wasn't in the budget for \$9,000? Busey: I can find out. Bauer: We need to keep a really close eye on that. Busey: We did get an additional \$30,000 this year.

**Tape Two;
1673**

Scott Burns, Community Development Director- Everything is fine. We have a list of things we're working on here. There's an increase in Fish & Game (EIR- from \$850.00 to \$2,500) which will affect County projects. New grant funds: We do have an opportunity to tap up to 5% of that total amount (could amount to \$500,000). We have applied for CDBG for technical assistance. Bauer: The revenue is off in the Building Department. Muir: This is like net income- it's measuring the difference. In this case, you've spent more percentage-wise than you had anticipated. It shouldn't be a great cause for alarm. Building permits tend to be seasonal. Bauer: Are we having a problem? Muir: It has to do with seasonality. Floyd: Yes, they are down. We're about \$40,000 under where we were last year. It has to do with the season and the economy in general. We're \$20,000 under what we did last year at the same time. Hunt: You're constantly updating your general plan. I want to make sure that we have staff available to carry this forward. Burns: We're doing a low-key general plan update. We try to do that. The State does a survey and most counties are in an update mode. We're tying it to grant funding opportunities.

**Tape Two;
2568**

Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director- We have an interview scheduled for our vacancy. We've had 12 positions filled since October. Things will start to look up. Budget requested adjustments- We have some savings in salaries and benefits. Our equipment has gone off the chart this year. Our expenses for fleet operations falls under two budgets.

We've shot past our budget for parts and supplies of what we budgeted for the full year. We need to reallocate some of the money from salaries and benefits to cover these. I would like to bump up our travel and training due to fuel expenses. Buildings- reallocating funds within that budget. Household expenses have gone up slightly. Maintenance and improvements- we've already spent \$45,000 of the \$60,000 and I ask to bump that up to \$70,000. Added expenses- replacing Museum windows, transfer switch for Memorial Hall, replace the septic tank at the Senior Center in Walker (in Springtime), and Mt. Morrison Storage. Equipment from \$8,000 to \$11,000- We had a policy item but it is unclear whether the Board approved this or not. Jesse Hale has experience with sheet metal and he's been able to do quite a few things with this new equipment (covers for our air conditioner unit, panel covers, mounts for new heaters in lobby, and roof panels for the courthouse). It was unclear whether that was approved. Parks and Facilities- We're looking at bumping up our salaries and wages for the two new employees. Rents and Leases, small tools, travel and training, and pick-up truck replacement (bids came in at \$57,600). We're showing how this is netting a zero change in the budget. Road division- We've got a pretty high utility budget (we spent \$130,000 for propane, water and sewer). With a mild winter, we expect it to be a lot less than we budgeted. We're at 25% of what we budgeted.

We hope to use some of those savings for offset. Maintenance of equipment- outside repairs and major engine parts. This year was the year of transmissions and engines. Solid Waste- I'm hoping to reflect the policy item that was approved (used to offset the increase). I included the policy item (submitted in May). I also attached the reflection of how it affects us this year. We didn't fill these positions until mid-year. Savings in salaries/benefits, slight increase in uniforms, maintenance of equipment (parts and supplies), buildings and improvements to be bumped (costs from the road division), equip rental (we rented a container for storage of material), equip/vehicles (I'm expecting reimbursement from insurance), and I suggest that we hold off on the purchase of a fork-lift, although already approved. Equipment replacement- air compressors, generators (showing a net-zero change).

Reid: Road budget, page 29, and run through those figures for me. Nikirk: That was the purchase of the Town snow-blower (\$50,000 and threw in some spare parts amounting to at least \$10,000). Reid: Within a budget, you have the authority to make line-item adjustments. Nikirk: Under 3140, Public Works tracts various projects. The Board would have to approve those changes. Muir: It depends on what is happening. Salary savings to move to buy equipment should be approved by the Board. Bauer/Muir: Page 29, operating transfer in amount. That's actually a general fund contribution. You approved this in your original budget. We moved the whole thing rather than moving it quarterly. Therefore they won't incur negative interest. It should have been indicated but you did approve this transfer. Bauer:

Page 32- \$589,000. We use this line item for the bonds. The State is reviewing the plans for Benton/Chalfant and Bridgeport landfill which are big projects. Bauer: It's work to come. Nikirk: Yes. Hunt: How are we coming on the Bridgeport Skate park? Nikirk: We have a new project coordinator who will be assisting Kelly on that project. Paving is complete. We're working with the community on the moveable pieces. Garcia: \$50,000 allocated from Prop 12. We used 1/2 of that for paving. It has to be ADA accessible. We're trying to complete it by mid-summer. Reid: \$36,000 from the community (contribution from the Chamber and fundraisers). Reid: Are there sufficient funds to do this now? Garcia: It looks like the money is enough to cover the features for the park. 25% match with some of them. Hunt: Alternative fuels- Nikirk: We're completely off the generator (installed a solar panel). Hunt: We need to keep those ideas at the top of our list. Farnetti- diesel equipment and new regulations/impact. Do you have any plans for that? Nikirk: We looked at some options available. I hope to make a presentation to the Board. Kim was in the loop on all proposals. RCRC resented the small county approach.

Tape Three;
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Kelly Garcia, Asst. Public Works Director- Supervisor Hunt's request on solar power and energy projects we talked about. There was a lot of discussion about solar power. We get 300 days of sunshine and in good shape to take advantage of solar power. I brought this policy item for this energy retrofit. It is a moving number. It's a design built contract that you enter into with an energy provider and make recommendations on how to update your equipment and do a plan for these changes. Once they develop those plans, they promise me that we know what we get into. Our road shops are not included in the program. \$75,000 is estimated for the first year and is expected to decline.

Two other policy items: Additional parking at the Walker Community Center- It shares parking with the Walker Senior Center. We had problems with the leach field. We had to eliminate almost ½ of the parking due to this problem. This project is for expanding to the west onto the property (purchased for the paramedics) providing four new spaces. HVAC upgrades at the Social Services Department- it's a historic building (previously a hospital). It has an old oil furnace and it's been worse over the last month. People were sent home due to poor air quality. We're proposing a temporary solution using electric baseboard heaters until we resolve the future home of Social Services.

I want to go over our key projects- Courthouse rehab project (elevator/restrooms) that has a grant that expires at the end of March, Bridgeport Skateboard Park, Bridgeport Museum painting, Lee Vining Community and Crowley Community Center (bids received this morning), design has been funded so we'll be going back to the CTC, Benton Crossing landfill (solar power), closure plans for landfills, landfill monitoring wells, Lee Vining airport rehab, Mtn. Gate parking, Memorial Hall rehab (it is in our CIP and are looking for funding), ESPL Davison St. upgrades, Mtn. Gate River Parkway (properties mainly to the North), several transportation enhancement projects, policy development, vehicle purchase policy, alternative fuels analysis, etc. Many of these we assigned to Matt Carter. Reid: Social Services building- that's a high priority to take care of the employees over there. I would like to throw my support into this project. It's unacceptable to have our employees exposed to those types of conditions. Walker proposed parking- do you see that being held off? Garcia: I designed it around the proposal and anticipate going forward. Reid: Lundy Lake is this summer? Garcia: Right. Reid: Mtn. Gate Acquisition- any progress? Garcia: The grant was due in October. It's in review. Bauer/Garcia: County energy retrofit- we're only talking about Bridgeport.

Tape Three;
889

Julie Tiede, Child Support Director- Transition to the Statewide system (the State moved that back to January 2008). This will require an immense amount of training. Negotiation of the MOU on regionalization- it's a little different than I had anticipated. We'll end up where we need to be. A lot of personnel changes. Performance- doing very well (we were in the top 10). We're in the top 5 this year. Two years ago we were number one @ 70% on collections. Everybody in the State is improving. We are totally State and Federally funded. The State has increased the regions allocation. The State has allocated us \$494,000. Expenses tend to be low (we're at 35%). Revenues are lagging behind the expenditures. The money is there.

Tape Three;
1064

Tom Wallace, Health and Human Services Director- Mary Booher addressed the Board. There's less money in health realignment. We've already talked to Brian about showing it better. Tom Wallace- We wish to refine our financial management services. We want to cut down and simplify the number of funds. The costs for the LPHS contract- we need to do a better job. CMSP County medical services program is gobbling up the reserves. We may have to cut benefits to balance the budget. I will have a direct hand in how this is handled. We need to develop some standards for indigent health care. Mark Magit will work with us to develop standards. Environmental Health- we have all the State positions filled. We see a larger Medi-cal population. Mental Health Services Act- we're reaching out to the tri-valley area which relates to the mid-year items (request for a vehicle). Monies are coming in faster than we spend them.

Tape Three;
1350

Ed Zylman, Social Services Director- I'm really pleased with the department. Everything is going well. We try to spend to the penny of our allocation. Tom, Mary, and I are always looking at the best ways at spending the money. The Governor pointed the Dept. of Social Services in charge of shelters in case of emergency. We have contracts with individual motels, restaurants, stores (to help in times of emergency and before the Red Cross can come in). I will ask, this coming year, for money to get the shelters up and running more efficiently. Our building is really unsafe. It's a workman's comp claim waiting to happen. I talked to some Board members about closing up shop and moving everyone to Walker that really need our services close by. Reid: Kathy Watkins went to Walker and gave a presentation. She got a great response. She did a good job. Zylman- she's one of my key employees. I'm "this close" to a perfect department. Reid- are you still looking at the old Indian clinic? Zylman- I think Rita is looking at the possibilities. There are other options in that community. We need to get a place down there where Health, Mental Health, can all share. Reid- I talked to Dave Robbins. They purchased land along the 395 corridor. I wonder if that's a possibility. Zylman- It is a possibility but nothing is decided yet. I looked at a place in Chalfant that was really not sufficient. We're open to anywhere from Chalfant to Benton. I have a growing number of clients in that area also. Hunt: Can you help me understand what the deficit is? Booher: Social Services has a slow reimbursement process. In the two years, we've been able to reduce that to 1.5 million to \$90,000. It's mostly a function of the State. Hunt: What is the answer to that? Booher: We've had preliminary discussions with Brian on this. At any given time, it will take about a million dollars to float Social Services. Wallace: The County fronts the money or we retain realignment by making transfers by building our own little trust account. Muir: The Board should understand that we are funding the deficit. We can look at it as a policy issue. We can do this effectively at year end. We should fund it by minimally increasing the general fund match. We put a little more in and depend on Social Services to do a good job on claiming. We need to fix the deficit amount over time. Hunt: Would this be a function of the general reserve? Muir: Yes, it's money in the pool and is usable. Zylman- Federal, State, County, and realignment share of monies to run Social Services.

Tape Three;
1925

Lynda Salcido, Public Health Director- Health promotions- we're trying to an outreach. Seasonal employees, school outreach. Outreach to Hispanic communities to deliver health messaging to their piers in the community. Emergency Preparedness- we get a lot of money to do public health awareness. Training is a large part of our mandates. Cross-training is very important (as wide of field as Los Angeles County). We were able to hire a community outreach specialist, last week. We're still recruiting for a public health nurse. We do have some retirements this year. Hunt: Any update on the pandemic flu? Salcido: There is still no bird to human transition.

Wallace: IMAAA \$13,500 before you. I would look into their operations. A few things to support this request are: \$1.2 comes from the State and Federal government. There primary funding source is barely growing, operating costs are increasing, and scrambling every year to close that budget. This is a very lean operation and doing a very good job and doing all they can to maintain their service level. It is a modest request. There are other issues and a need for more IMAAA services. There are ways we can help them. Hazard: I am comfortable that we worked through the dollar side of this. We need to jump to the service side with the dollars provided. I am very thankful that you spent the time to investigate this.

Recess @ 3:14 p.m. thru 3:25 p.m.

Tape Three;
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Mark Mikulicich, Paramedic Director- We're heading in the right direction. I started in this position about 1 year ago. Mary and I sat down. I followed her lead. We are currently within budget and doing well. I do have areas that need extra money. Accomplishments discussed very briefly. Hunt: Where would you use that gurney? Mark: At Medic 3. Revenues are probably not what we expected so far. Booher: It runs about three months behind. Our numbers are down. We ran 1700 calls last year. Farnetti: Haven't we been using the TOT reserve? Mark: I believe so. Booher: This year we requested an increase of \$25,000 out of TOT. There is still \$44,000. Farnetti: That is used for misc.

Booher: It's not specifically ear-marked. Reid: Emergency generators- when the power goes out, we must have power for our employees. We need to keep them in lights and heat. Hazard: Radio equipment- will it be ordered? Mark: It is ordered. I don't have a hard bid on that. Hazard: I am concerned about the delay. Mark: I can follow up on that. Hazard: Is the Board willing to consider the \$8,000? Mark: Regardless, I will put that unit into service. Hazard: There is an awful lot going on in this program right now. It is very possible that we will be looking at least two additional paramedic units. We need to think about it now. Farnetti- I don't want Bill to get too excited about this because I see the pot shrinking quickly.

Tape Four; 74 Nancy Boardman, Animal Control Director- We are on track. The majority of expenditures come in the third and fourth quarters. We've already purchased our dog tags (\$1500) for our June clinics. Our revenues are low now. 90% of our revenue comes in the 4th quarter at our clinics. We have training that usually occurs in the 4th quarter (two offices scheduled to attend in April). Goals and objectives discussed. We have 3 officers that are trained and doing an excellent job. Calls for service have gone down. We're visible and in the field. Our anti-tethering law has gone into effect. Everyone has complied. We haven't had any calls. We're still doing door to door canvassing. We do have a right, by law, to be there. Responsible Pet Owner information out. Our goal is not to write citations but to educate the public. We send out over 2,000 acknowledgements. Hunt: How's Rich? Nancy: Fine, thank you. Hazard: Complaint- why are we throwing money at Animal Control? I have had to explain that we finally have a full staff. Whitmore Shelter update.

Tape Four;366 Dan Lyster, Economic Development Director- Everything is on track. I'm working on an idea for a Powerbait Festival in June. Powerbait was actually field tested in June Lake. In Coleville, April 17th is a workshop. The things listed on my memo have not been done. I have been working with the HR Dept. My overall budget is at 49% for the year. There could be a salary savings. Some of this work is not getting done. I need some help. Bauer: I think so too. We have lots of ideas and projects. Lyster: We have to take a different direction with our Tourism Commission. Reid: If you were given the go-ahead for a new manager, when could you get someone on board? Garret: Realistically, mid-April. I'll start on it immediately. It's a foam-based sign that is very sturdy. We're trying to come into the 21st Century with our look.

Tape Four;619 Clay Neely, Information Technology- We're on target with our expenditures. Our salaries will catch up. Revenue- the Town of Mammoth finally signed a contract to provide GIS services. I'll bring it before the board soon. We will be over on our revenue. I have one item. We were asked to put in audio-visual equipment with the idea that the Benton Tribe would pay for it. I paid for the equipment out of my budget and would like it reimbursed at \$4329.00. Future projects discussed. We're looking at getting the road shop online. We found an alternative for \$5,000 in equipment and \$60.00 a month which will be online in a couple of weeks. Video conference project- we've drawn a scale of this room and sent them to vendors to get their ideas on making it work well. We're waiting for their response. Acquired a couple of new servers for the Sheriff's Department. Additional projects taken on- replaced all the switches in Bridgeport (starting to fail). We will eventually do that in Mammoth as well. We installed internet capability at the Senior Center. Social Services can fund this. If we locate the satellite connection correctly, we can provide service to the Senior Center but to paramedics, fire station, etc. We removed the wireless at the hospital building. We are at full staff now. New staff member in Mammoth and acquired a remote diagnostic program and fix it from here. We cut our trips to Mammoth in half. Hunt: Video conference project have a time frame? Neely: It's not something we budgeted for. I do have money in a capital improvement account that I can dedicate to this. Couple of projectors mounted from the ceiling and two cameras so we can show someone in Mammoth you, the Board, on two different monitors and vise versa. We may get some different ideas from the vendors. I don't know if I can fund the whole thing. Wilbrecht: We talked about using the \$25,000 for space issues etc. We deferred this item until mid-year. Reid- with the conferencing, do we have to clean up our act? We want a good quality and big picture. Wilbrecht- we can wire your laptops as well. Reid: Have you talked to your people in your area that they might be interested in the same thing? Hazard: The Benton Senior Center would be appropriate. Neely: We used an old computer and used spare parts.

Tape Four;
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Jim Lovett, Assessor- We took the budget process very serious last year. We're a little under 50% of what we budgeted. We minimized the backlog and to appraise timely. All of the appraisers that the backlog, new construction, and changes in ownership are priority. I now require a monthly report of all new construction that is still on the books. I've passed that list to the appraisal staff. Records have outstanding building permits (new water heater) but no reason for us to review them. These are coming off the list. 49 million in total increase. Some of this 700 is multiple entries for one parcel. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area is now under contract and hoping by the end of summer to a conclusion. We are working on it. Assessment Appeals- we have no appeals against the two year statute of limitations. Retention of records- we want to be paperless (scan documents). We had to buy a new scanner (\$6500). Our scanner is held together by duct tape. If we got rid of one record, the transaction record, this would free up 5 ½ feet of shelf space. We are not authorizing training unless it's a direct benefit of our office. We're not denying training. We have on-site training. Our number one goal is to be proactive and fair in assessments. Reid- are you up to full staff? Lovett: We just lost one person.

Christy Robles, Mono County Clerk-Recorder- We've tripled the number of birth, death, and marriage certificates processed in the Clerk-Recorder's Office from three years ago. This is due partly because of the births at Mammoth Hospital and largely due to the increase in marriages within Mono County. On par with a slight decline in the sale of real estate, our recorded documents and maps are on a small decrease from the past two years. Voter registration, countywide, has increased. Due to the seasonal nature of our voters, we have a great influx of voters who move within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and from one community to the next. Our training budget was far too conservative for our needs. We will have to adjust our line items to accommodate the training scheduled thru the end of this fiscal year. We've been a passport acceptance agency for many years however with the changing passport requirements (especially since Sept. 11th) we've experienced a steady increase in passport requests. Since January, passports are now required for sea and air and next year they will be required for land in and out of the country. Board of Supervisors budget: I am hopeful that we will purchase automated agenda software during the next budget year. We will also need to budget more for the publishing of notices, vacancies, and public hearings with the substantial increase in fees at the Mammoth Times. Central Services- Countywide mailings have increased along with the increase in the cost of postage. In the near future, I would like to see space allocation for our Central Services Department to expand to efficiently process the county mail. No Elections are scheduled, as of yet, for 2007 although we have the potential of having three elections within the next fiscal year with Senate Bill 113. If passed, we will have three statewide elections. February, June, and November of 2008.

Tape Four;
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Brian Muir, Director of Finance- County credit cards are under review at the bank, we're eliminating unnecessary checking accounts, audit was scheduled the first week in March (we'll do our best to expedite our report), Special District issues (bringing that to you as well as some options in March), I set up an account with Office Depot (45% off- if this works out, I will provide this information to the departments. They offer free shipping). We are going to training in March, we've devised a revised claim form which should save time, we're looking at the Health and Human Services Agency for the cost of providing county services. I would like to address the four new items on our list: 1- County Counsel's Dept. a recalculation of salaries. 2- Public Defender contract has a cola built in (we need to add \$5,000). 3- Rent increase at the Sierra Center Mall. 4- Retiree health insurance (we need to add \$100,000). Farnetti- did we set aside money for retiree health? Muir: Yes, we did but it's inadequate. Reid: Sierra Center Mall- the Board set aside \$200,000. It's only going to be \$165,000. There will be a \$35,000 surplus. Reed: Retirement is done in a two-step process.

Tape Four;
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Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel- Our job is to assist and support other departments in accomplishing their goals and objectives. That being said, I've put together a list (in Board packets) of some things that we played a major role in. Most of our time is spent on routine activities. We tend to the day to day legal affairs of the County. Responsibilities briefly outlined. I have a very capable staff, as you know, and I credit them for all the hard work that they do. Two issues came up during the mid-year review, which Brian Muir has already explained: 1- Salaries 2- Lease payments for the Sierra Center Mall (they are in the SoCoAdmin budget that my department oversees). Note: there is another So Co Admin budget, which is administered by Community Development.

Tape Four;
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David Wilbrecht, County Administration- Being here all day today, it gives me a great sense of pride. Very often we work with different situations. This is a very important purpose that we serve here. We're working on many activities. Next week you'll see a contract concept. I have got 4 key people in my office. Bob Garret has been an awesome resource (negotiation, employee situations, hiring/firing). Rita Sherman, day in-day out she deals with insurance and workman's comp issues is very important to our office. All of these people keep me organized. We have 54% remaining. We have many recruitments that we're working on. You're going to see more requests for more training. We're getting work done. Farnetti- Do we have a better handle on the costs to remodel the Sierra Center Mall? Wilbrecht: We set aside \$400,000 for improvements. \$70.00 a foot for improvements. We're doing our very best to minimize the hard walls. We're concerned and will do as much space planning as possible. Do you need all that space? Next week is going to be a very important discussion. Hazard: Regional training concept discussed. Farnetti: Do we know what is in our contingency fund? Muir: \$852,049.00 less the \$35,000 you allocated for an ambulance.

Reid- I would like to discuss these items next week when we're fresh. Can we get a clean list?

Recess taken @ 5:05 p.m. thru 5:10 p.m.
Entered Closed Session @ 5:11 p.m. thru 5:56 p.m.
No report from Closed Session

PUBLIC WORKS

14a)

Bid Award for Crowley Lake Community Center Site Preparation Project

M07-42

NO ACTION: Bid not awarded. Public Works is directed to bring this matter back to the Board at a later date.

(Bauer/Hunt 5-0)

Kelly Garcia addressed the Board. They were far in excess of what we had anticipated. Crowley Lake Community Center is primary funded by CSA. My intention will be to limit the project to what can be funded and get it off the ground. Report back.

14b)

Bid Award for Lee Vining Community Center Site Improvements

M07-43

NO ACTION: Bid not awarded. Public Works is directed to bring this matter back to the Board at a later date.

(Bauer/Hunt 5-0)

We can probably negotiate two sidewalks, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. in honor of our fallen officer, Razor.

Adjourn meeting and reconvene in regular session of **February 20, 2007**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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